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SUBJECT: JSP VISIT TO ROK: GOJ ATTITUDE

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1. FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR ENDO TOLD EMBOFF
JAN 28 HE BELIEVES JSP PURPOSE IN VISIT TO ROK IS
PROJECTING MORE RESPONSIBLE IMAGE TO JAPANESE
ELECTORATE. JSP WANTS TO SHOW IT CAPABLE OF DEALING
WITH ALL ISSUES. SOCIALISTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT
ROK WITHOUT ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, BUT
HUMAN RIGHTS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SOLE FOCUS OF
MISSION. ROK WOULD NOT TOLERATE VISIT, SHOULD THIS
BE THE CASE.

ENDO SAID THAT GOJ UNDERSTANDS THAT IF MISSION MATERIALIZES,
IT WILL BE LED BY EDA. GOJ INCLINED TO SUPPORT IDEA OF EDA
VISIT BUT NOT TO PUSH IT FORMALLY, ENDO CONTINUED. HE BELIEVES THAT
SUCCESSFUL JSP VISIT TO SEOUL WOULD REMOVE TENSION
FROM ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. INFORMALLY, HE HAS ADVISED
ROK EMBASSY HERE TO PERMIT TWO-MAN JSP ADVANCE TEAM
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TO MAKE PRELIMINARY VISIT AND TO MAKE FINAL DECISION

ON EDA DELEGATION ON BASIS OF ADVANCE TEAM'S BEHAVIOR.
ENDO SAID THAT SAME PITCH HAD BEEN MADE INFORMALLY
IN SEOUL.

3. COMMENT: OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT JSP HASN'T REALLY
MADE UP MIND PRECISELY HOW TO PLAY ROK VISIT, SHOULD
IT MATERIALIZE. SUGIYAMA, JSP INTERNATIONAL SECTION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WHO TALKED TO EMBOFF LAST WEEK (REFTEL),
IS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. AT
THE SAME TIME, EDA AND OTHERS IN JSP HAVE GONE ON RECORD AS
DESIRING A SERIOUS DIALOGUE WITH ROK LEADERS ON VARIETY
OF ISSUES. HERETOFORE IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS. AS OF
JAN 28, ADVANCE TEAM HAD NOT RECEIVED ROK VISAS.
JUDGING FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF SUGIYAMA, AN EXPERIENCED
INTERNATIONAL APPARATCHIK, SHOULD VISAS BE FORTHCOMING,
THE TEAM WILL HANDLE ITSELF IN A PROFESSIONAL AND
RESPONSIBLE MANNER, WHILE REFLECTING JSP POLICY
GUIDANCE ACCURATELY.
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